

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 are pending. Claims 10-12 have been added. Claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled with out prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject of these claims in this or another application. Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and to include all the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 6 and 7 have each been rewritten in independent form to include all the features of cancelled claim 1. Claim 6 has been further amended to recite “the main flow channel” at line 12 and “said chamber” at line 14. Claim 7 has been similarly amended to recite “the main flow channel” at line 10 and “said chamber” at line 13. It is respectfully submitted that claims 6 and 7, and any claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-5 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 6. Dependent claims 10-12 have been added and depend from claim 7. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by these amendment and no estoppels are intended thereby. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

OFFICE ACTION

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled rendering this rejection moot with respect to this claim. Also, as indicated by the *Listing of the Claims* section of this amendment, claims 6 and 7 as amended now recite “the main flow

channel” and “said chamber.” No further elaboration is believed necessary and Applicant therefore requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

(1) Claims 1-5, 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Isahay (FIGS. 1 and 2). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled rendering this rejection moot with respect to these claims. As previously discussed, claims 2-4, 8 and 9 depend from claim 6, which was indicated allowable (if rewritten in independent form) by the Examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-4, 8 and 9 are now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests that this § 102(b) rejection of claims 1-5 and 7-9 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the Amendment after Final Rejection is requested. The Amendment is believed to overcome the pending rejections. No substantial new matter is added and no new issues are believed to be raised. The additional claims that are presented are similar to dependent claims 2-4 and depend from claim 7 which has been indicated allowable.

No extension-of-time fee or other fees are believed due. However any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-2036.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the application are believed in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite issuance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at 202/861-1714.

Respectfully submitted,

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